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FOR TESTING A SUBSTRATE

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16 and 28, and amend the claims as follows:

15. (Amended) A method of testing a substrate comprising:
directing a particle beam onto said substrate in such manner as to cause

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